

House Bill 1602

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 31-12-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the breast cancer, prostate cancer, or ovarian cancer research fund, so as to change certain provisions regarding the state income tax check off option for making contributions to such fund; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 31-12-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the breast cancer, prostate cancer, or ovarian cancer research fund, is amended by striking paragraph (1) of subsection (e) and inserting in its place a new paragraph (1) to read as follows:

"(e)(1) Unless an earlier date is deemed feasible and is established by the Governor, each Georgia individual income tax return form for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2000, shall contain appropriate language, to be determined by the state revenue commissioner, offering the taxpayer the opportunity to contribute to the Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer, and Ovarian Cancer Research Program Fund established in subsection (c) of this Code section by either donating all or any part of any tax refund due, by authorizing a reduction in the refund check otherwise payable, or by contributing any amount over and above any amount of tax owed by adding that amount to the taxpayer's payment. The instructions accompanying the individual income tax return form shall contain a description of the purposes for which this fund was established and the intended use of moneys received from the contributions. The individual income tax form shall contain the following statement:

'Due to legal privacy issues the Georgia Cancer Coalition can not correspond with donors. Citizens may contact the coalition by calling (404) 584-7720.'

1 Each taxpayer required to file a state individual income tax return who desires to  
2 contribute to such fund may designate such contribution as provided in this Code section  
3 on the appropriate individual income tax return form."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.